IN THE MATTER OF

THOMAS BLAIK, D.D.S

RESPONDENT

* BEFORE THE

* MARYLAND STATE

* BOARD OF

* DENTAL EXAMINERS

LICENSE No.: 9095

* CASE NUMBER: 2007-273

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PRE-CHARGE CONSENT ORDER

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

The Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners (the "Board") and, Thomas Blaik, D.D.S. (the Respondent") have agreed, in lieu of the Board's filing formal charges, to enter into to this Pre-Charge Consent Order. The Respondent waives his right to a hearing and agrees to be sanctioned by the Board. This Pre-Charge Consent Order is based upon the Board's belief that the Respondent violated provisions of the Maryland Dentistry Act ("the Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. ("H.O.") §§ 4-101 et seq. (2005 Repl. Vol. and 2008 Supp.).

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. At all times relevant, the Respondent was and is licensed to practice dentistry in the State of Maryland under license number 9095
- 2. Based upon a patient complaint alleging incompetence and unprofessional conduct the Board reviewed a number of patient charts revealing, among other things, inadequate record keeping including:
 - a. Lack of signed informed consent.
 - b. Lack of periodontal charting.
 - c. Billing claims not supported by records.

d. Failure to sign patients' medical history.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board finds that the Respondent violated H.O. §§ 4-315(a)(6).

ORDER

ORDERED that the Respondent is hereby REPRIMANDED; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall be placed on PROBATION for a period of one (1)

year from the effective date of this Order with no provision for early termination; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall, within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this Order take, at his expense, a Board approved (hands on) recording keeping course. The Respondent shall provide the Board with written documentation of successful course completion; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall, at his expense, engage a Board approved practice reviewer who shall, within sixty (60) days of the Respondent becoming employed, conduct a review of patient charts and, within ten (10) thereafter provide the Board with a comprehensive report. Based upon its evaluation of the written report, the Board shall determine the need and frequency of additional chart reviews; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall, within one (1) year form the effective date of this Order, take, at his expense, a Board approved ethics course. The Respondent shall proved the Board with written documentation of successful course completion; had it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall comply with and practice within all statutes and regulations governing the practice of dentistry in the State of Maryland; and it is further

ORDERED that any violation of the terms and conditions of this Order shall constitute

unprofessional conduct in addition to any applicable grounds under the Act; and it is further

ORDERED that this Consent Order is a PUBLIC DOCUMENT as defined in Md. State Gov't Code Ann. §§ 10-611 et *seq.* (2004).

8/5/09 Date

Jane Casper, R.D.H., M.A.

President

<u>CONSENT</u>

I, Thomas Blaik, D.D.S., License Number 9095 by signing this Consent agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the foregoing Pre-Charge Consent Order.

By signing this Consent I submit to its terms and conditions of the Pre-charge Consent Order as a resolution to this matter and waive my right to contest the terms and findings herein and all challenges legal or otherwise to the proceedings before the Board.

I acknowledge the validity and enforceability of this Pre-Charge Consent Order as if it were made after a formal evidentiary hearing in which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections to which I am entitled by law. I also recognize that I am waiving my right to appeal any adverse ruling of the Board that might have followed any such hearing and am also waiving any other legal remedies I may have regarding resolution of this matter.

I have had the opportunity to review this Pre-Charge Consent Order and sign it voluntarily, understanding its terms, meaning and effect.

7/29/2009

Thomas Blaik, D.D.S.

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Approved by: D. Elizabeth Walker, Esquire

NOTARY

STATE OF MARYLAND

CITY/COUNTY OF Battimore

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day of day of , 2009, before me, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland and the City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Thomas Blaik, D.D.S, and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESSETH my hand and notarial seal.

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My Commission Expires: 2 14 2013

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